commercially proven British technology. CFRI technology could not adopted due to inadequacy of basic design and Engineering data.

Changes in the new Drugs Price Control order

2328. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a widespread feeling amongst the consumer groups that the new Drugs Price Control Order does not have a rational planning as reported in the Economic Times of 3rd October, 1987; and

(b) whether Government have any plans to make requisite changes in its policy to make new DPCO more rational and tuned to consumer needs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Medical reimbursement to Managing Director of NTPC

2329. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chairman-cum-Managing Director of NTPC has been given huge advances on account of medical treatment abroad, undertaken without prior intimation which is neither admissible nor recoverable from him within the existing tenure of his service;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the present Managing Director has been given extension of tenure beyond the age of superannuation; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) In 1985, the then Chairman and Managing Director of the National Thermal Power Corporation was given US $ 25,000 by the Corporation, against surety bonds and with the authorization of the Reserve Bank of India, for undergoing highly specialised surgery abroad, on expert medical advice, relating to critical coronary artery disease.

(c) and (d) On completion of the tenure of appointment, the officer has since relinquished charge of the post on 3rd November, 1987.

Appointments in DESU

2330. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any rules have been framed or norms laid down for appointment to the lower, middle and senior level posts in the managerial cadre in the DESU;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor and whether it is a fact that a large number of clerical appointments have been made in the DESU without following any rules during the last five years; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) According to the Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking, Recruitment and Promotion (R&P) Regulations for

different posts are framed by Municipal Corporation of Delhi as required under the DMC Act, 1957. The R&P Regulations for various managerial posts already exist in most of the cases.

(c) and (d) Normally, appointments to various clerical posts are made in accordance with the provisions of the R&P Regulations for the particular posts. However, in view of the ban imposed on fresh induction in the Undertaking some appointments of Junior Clerks on ad-hoc basis have been made by DESU in the interest of work from amongst educationally qualified Group-D staff on the basis of trade test in typewriting. The resultant vacancies in Group-D posts have not been filled up.

Power requirements of Kerala

2331. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that due to the failure of monsoon for the last so many years the Kerala power system which is mainly hydel, is inadequate to meet the growing power requirement of Kerala State;

(b) if so, what are the alternatives before the Central Government to meet the State's power requirement;

(c) what is the present Status of the State Government's proposal to instal thermal power stations in Kerala; and

(d) in view of the acute power shortage, will the Central Government taken early steps to sanction at least two 100 MW stations with LSHS oil, diesel oil as fuel at Cochin and Cannanore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Kerala has been facing power shortage of varying degrees mainly on account of low reservoir levels due to inadequate rain-fall.

(b) In order to mitigate the power shortage, assistance to the extent possible has been provided to Kerala from the Central stations in the Southern region. In addition, various measures being taken to increase the availability of power include expediting commissioning of new capacity, reduction of Transmission & Distribution losses and implementation of demand management and Energy Conservation measures.

(c) A proposal to set up a thermal power station at Kayamkulam (2X210 MW) in Kerala is presently being techno-economically appraised by the Central Electricity Authority whose approval could be accorded only after all necessary inputs have been tied up and requisite clearances have become available.

(d) A proposal for a 100 MW oil-based power station at Cochin, comprising of multiple units of diesel generating sets, was received in the CEA in July, 1987. The proposal could be considered for techno-economic clearance only after the necessary inputs, including fuel linkage and the required clearances have become available. No proposal in respect of Cannanore has been received in the Central Electricity Authority.

Consideration of Category I drugs by Kelkar Committee

2332. SHRI SHANKARRAO NARAYANRAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 131 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 16th November, 1987 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Category I list of drugs was identified by the Ministry of Health; and

(b) if so, on what basis the representations of Category I drugs were forwarded by his Ministry to the Kelkar Committee for consideration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN